

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

August 2007

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 percent between July 2007 and August 2007 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.3 percent. The Regina All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.3 percent while the Saskatoon All-items index was unchanged during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the August All-items Index decreased from July 2007 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, men's clothing and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also fell for fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh or frozen beef.

Moderating these decreases were price increases for housing replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and other owned accommodation expenses. Prices also rose for sugar and confectionery, non-alcoholic beverages and dairy products.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.4 percent between August 2006 and August 2007 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.7 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.9 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The August All-items Index increased from August 2006 primarily due to higher prices for housing replacement cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, mortgage interest cost and property taxes (including special charges). Prices also rose for electricity, natural gas and other owned accommodation expenses.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), passenger vehicles insurance premiums and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles. Prices also decreased for home entertainment equipment – parts and services, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>July 2007</u>	<u>July 2007</u>	<u>August 2006</u>
	(2002 = 100)		to <u>August 2007</u>	to <u>August 2007</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	113.1	113.3	-0.2	2.4
Food	111.7	111.7	0.0	1.7
Shelter	125.7	124.7	0.8	10.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	100.7	100.9	-0.2	-0.4
Clothing and Footwear	96.7	96.9	-0.2	-0.3
Transportation	114.9	116.9	-1.7	-3.8
Health and Personal Care	106.1	106.1	0.0	3.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.8	104.8	0.0	1.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	126.5	125.7	0.6	3.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	110.8	110.6	0.2	3.1
Energy	134.9	138.6	-2.7	-2.0
CANADA				
All-Items	111.7	112.0	-0.3	1.7
Food	111.8	112.3	-0.4	2.4
Shelter	117.6	117.0	0.5	3.6
Household Operations and Furnishings	103.5	103.2	0.3	1.8
Clothing and Footwear	95.4	94.6	0.8	0.0
Transportation	116.3	118.5	-1.9	-1.4
Health and Personal Care	107.6	107.5	0.1	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.9	103.0	-0.1	1.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	126.1	126.0	0.1	3.5
All-Items Excluding Energy	109.7	109.7	0.0	2.3
Energy	136.4	139.6	-2.3	-3.7
REGINA				
All-Items	112.2	112.5	-0.3	1.9
SASKATOON				
All-Items	114.1	114.1	0.0	3.4

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2007</u>	<u>August 2006</u>
	to	to
	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>August 2007</u>
Canada	-0.3	1.7
Newfoundland	-0.4	0.2
Prince Edward Island	-0.2	0.9
Nova Scotia	-0.3	1.2
New Brunswick	-0.6	1.3
Quebec	-0.5	0.8
Ontario	-0.2	1.6
Manitoba	-0.8	1.4
Saskatchewan	-0.2	2.4
Alberta	0.2	4.7
British Columbia	-0.1	1.3
Whitehorse	-0.2	2.6
Yellowknife	-0.4	2.9
Iqaluit	0.0	4.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	<u>July 2007</u> to <u>August 2007</u>	<u>August 2006</u> to <u>August 2007</u>
St. John's	-0.4	0.3
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.1	1.1
Halifax	-0.2	1.4
Saint John	-0.6	1.3
Quebec City	-0.5	0.5
Montreal	-0.5	1.0
Ottawa	-0.2	1.7
Toronto	-0.1	1.9
Thunder Bay	-0.3	1.0
Winnipeg	-0.7	1.5
Regina	-0.3	1.9
Saskatoon	0.0	3.4
Edmonton	0.3	5.4
Calgary	0.2	4.3
Vancouver	-0.1	1.7
Victoria	-0.1	0.6
Whitehorse	-0.2	2.6
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